

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

(EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH QUARTER RDC
MIMAROPA FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 02 DECEMBER 2022
IN PASAY CITY)

RDC Resolution No. 2022-080-1106

**FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE PROPOSED EXPRESSWAY
DEVELOPMENT AND STRONG REPUBLIC NAUTICAL HIGHWAY
SYSTEM PROJECTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, the National Spatial Strategy is the core strategy of the National Physical Framework Plan (NPFP) which seeks to encourage urban growth in selected centers and corridors in various regions of the country by providing the analytical parameters for the planned allocation, use, and management of the county's land use and other physical resources;

WHEREAS, the Luzon Spatial Development Framework (LSDF) 2015-2045 provides for a five-tiered hierarchy of settlements with Metro Manila as the prime metropolitan center and follows the NSS' core elements of concentration, connectivity, and vulnerability reduction;

WHEREAS, a bilateral meeting between the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) regional offices of MIMAROPA and CALABARZON was conducted on 18 April 2022 to discuss the expressway development and the Strong Republic Nautical Highway (SRNH) System, among others;

WHEREAS, expressways or High Standard Highways are: a) multi-lane divided toll roads which are privately maintained under concession from the government; and b) provide a high level of traffic services by assuring high speed mobility and safe travel in order to vitally support socio-economic activities for sound socio-economic development of strategic regions and the country as a whole;

WHEREAS, the Strong Republic Nautical Highway (SRNH) is: a) an integrated network of highway and vehicular ferry routes which forms the backbone of a nationwide vehicle transport system; b) a system of roads and ports developed by the Philippine government to connect the major islands of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao; and c) composed of the Eastern Nautical Highway, Central Nautical Highway, and Western Nautical Highway;

WHEREAS, the Western Nautical Highway passes through Batangas City in CALABARZON and in Calapan City, Roxas and Bulalacao municipalities of Oriental Mindoro in MIMAROPA;

WHEREAS, CALABARZON and MIMAROPA will reap the benefits associated with the implementation and completion of major expressway projects such as: a) Laguna Lakeshore Expressway Dike Project; b) Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge Project; c) South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) Toll Road 4 (TR-4); and d) STAR Tollway extension to Batangas Port;

WHEREAS, the said expressway projects will be instrumental in the realization of the: a) Batangas-Mindoro Bridge Project; b) Marinduque – Quezon Link Expressway (MQLEX); c) expansion of the Western Nautical Highway to Palawan via San Jose in Occidental Mindoro, Coron, Culion and El Nido in Palawan; and d) Calapan – San Jose Expressway Project;

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA IDC and CALABARZON IDC, during their joint meeting on 16 June 2022, recognized the need to improve connectivity through expressway development and the Strong Republic Nautical Highway System, and recommended RDC adoption through Inter-Regional IDC Resolution No. 2022-001;

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA RDC recommended the inclusion of Mindoro-Marinduque, Mindoro-Romblon, Romblon-Panay in the proposed Bridge interconnection projects;

WHEREAS, the Council recommends the conduct of feasibility studies and securing of the necessary permits and clearances for the proposed interconnection projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON A MOTION DULY SECONDED, be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Regional Development Council MIMAROPA favorably endorses the proposed Expressway Development and Strong Republic Nautical Highway System Projects to the Department of Public Works and Highways;

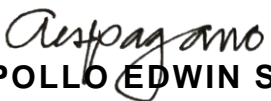
RESOLVED FURTHER, That copies of this resolution be furnished to all concerned;

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Department of Public Works and Highways provides the Council a report on the action taken within 20 days upon receipt of the resolution.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Done this 2nd day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty two in Pasay City.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


APOLLO EDWIN S. PAGANO
RDC Secretary

ATTESTED:


AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA
RDC Vice Chairperson

APPROVED:


GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson